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SUBJECT: US/ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING

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1. RE PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT, ASEAN WISHES TO INCLUDE ONLY FIVE HEADS OF DELS.

2. IN LUNCH WITH VICE-PRESIDENT OR BLUMENTHAL, TO AVOID PROTOCOL PROBLEMS, ASEAN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INVITATIONS EXTENDED TO ALL RPT ALL MINISTERS AND ASEAN SECRETARY GENERAL. IT WOULD BE UP TO US WHETHER TO INCLUDE ASEAN AMBASSADORS.

3. ASEAN WOULD DEFINITELY WISH TO HAVE ASIA SOCIETY PROGRAM IN NEW YORK ON AUGUST 7. WIDJOJO WILL BE SPEAKER. ASEAN NOW CANVASSING OTHER MEMBERS TO ASSURE THAT FAIR NUMBER OF MINISTERS SHOULD ATTEND. ASEAN ALSO WOULD LIKE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION FROM US DEL TO ATTEND ASIA
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SOCIETY MEETING.

4. ON PARTICIPATION OF MINISTERS IN US/ASEAN TRADE COUNCIL ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION, WE WERE ASKED FOR OUR RECOMMENDATION AND WE SAID IT WOULD BE USEFUL BUT NOT ESSENTIAL. ASEAN IS THINKING OF GOP DEPUTY TRADE MINISTER VALDEPENAS AS SPEAKER PLUS SOME OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING.

5. REGARDING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AT NPC, ASEAN OFFICIALS CAUCUSED LAST NIGHT AND DECIDED BEFORE RECEIPT REF-TEL A TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

6. ASEAN COORDINATOR HAS STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THAT AFTER FIRST TWO ITEMS OF AGENDA, MEETING SHOULD BE CLOSED. THEY PARTICULARLY WISH TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY OF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS UNDER ITEM 5 AND THEREFOR WISH FOR AVOIDANCE OF ANY PRESS BRIEFING AT CONCLUSION OF FIRST DAY'S SESSION. MURPHY

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